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**Letter dated 22 September 2010 from the Permanent
Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith (see annex) the final communiqué of the seventh meeting of the Permanent Consultative Framework of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, held on 21 September 2010 under the auspices of His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, Facilitator of the Direct Inter-Ivorian Dialogue.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 22 September 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Final communiqué of the seventh meeting of the Permanent Consultative Framework

1. Convened by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, Facilitator of the Direct Inter-Ivorian Dialogue, the seventh meeting of the Permanent Consultative Framework (the Framework) of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement was held in Ouagadougou, on Tuesday, 21 September 2010.
2. In addition to the Facilitator, the meeting was attended by all the members of the Framework:
 - His Excellency Mr. Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;
 - Mr. Guillaume Kigbafori Soro, Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;
 - Mr. Henri Konan Bédié, President of the Parti démocratique de Côte d'Ivoire-Rassemblement démocratique africain; and
 - Mr. Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of the Rassemblement des républicains.
3. The meeting started with an official ceremony attended by the members of all the delegations, then continued with private discussions among the members of the Framework.
4. During the opening ceremony, the Facilitator welcomed the members of the Framework and expressed his appreciation for the recent progress achieved in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire, including the validation of the electoral list and scheduling of the first round of the presidential election for 31 October 2010. He congratulated the Ivorian actors for the significant advances made in the implementation of the various crisis recovery programmes. He also encouraged all the stakeholders to continue their efforts through dialogue and in a spirit of consensus, in order to complete the remaining stages of the electoral process which should culminate in the holding of the first round of the presidential election. As the meeting was being held at a crucial time for the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire, the Facilitator expressed the wish that it would focus on implementation of the electoral timetable and on performance of the remaining tasks leading up to the country's reunification. Lastly, he expressed the hope that the meeting would provide an ideal opportunity for a collective leap forward in the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire.
5. The members of the Framework held their discussions in an atmosphere of fraternity and frank collaboration, focusing on the evaluation of the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements, the electoral timetable and the requirements for the holding of free, transparent and democratic elections in Côte d'Ivoire.
6. In that connection, the Prime Minister, Mr. Guillaume Soro, introduced the report evaluating the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and

the fourth Supplementary Agreement thereto. The Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, also briefed the members on the latest developments in the electoral process, including the outcome of the dispute over registration on the electoral list, which led to the consolidation and validation of the final electoral list of 5,725,720 registered voters. He also briefed the members on the various stages of the electoral timetable.

7. Following these presentations, the members of the Framework welcomed the significant progress made in the electoral process and took note of the following decisions which had already been endorsed by the Ivorian stakeholders:

- Scheduling by the Government, following a proposal from IEC, of the first round of the presidential election for 31 October 2010;
- Adoption by IEC of the timetable for the key stages of the electoral process;
- Validation of the final electoral list by IEC and signature by the President of the Republic of the decree authorizing the issue of national identity cards to the 5,725,720 registered voters.

8. Given the challenges to be overcome before the presidential election, the members of the Framework made an urgent appeal to the Government, IEC and all the relevant stakeholders, to ensure that all the key stages of the electoral process are completed in the best possible conditions and on time. These stages include publication of the electoral map; posting of the electoral list; production and distribution of national identity cards and voter registration cards, transport and distribution of election materials and documents, recruitment and training of election officers, public awareness and civic education with input from civil society, provision of security for the elections by the Integrated Command Centre, with the support of the Impartial Forces, if necessary.

9. Reiterating the recommendation adopted at their sixth meeting on the situation of applicants concerned about factual errors following their registration, the members of the Framework recommended that, following the presidential election, the status of the approximately 55,000 applicants who were removed from the final electoral list following verification of the provisional electoral list by the Civil Registry, should be examined carefully by an ad hoc technical committee at the same time as all cases of duplication and other types of errors.

10. The members of the Framework acknowledged the need for concerted action in the distribution of national identity cards and voter registration cards. They recommended that the Prime Minister should take all the necessary measures to ensure that all the relevant bodies — IEC, the National Commission for the Supervision of Identification, the National Statistical Institute, SAGEM and the National Identification Office — participated in the activity, because they all had to work constructively together for it to be successful.

11. In order to ensure that the 31 October 2010 presidential election was conducted without a hitch, the Framework members called upon the political parties and the candidates to comply strictly with the Code of Good Conduct signed on 24 April 2008 and to conduct a peaceful election campaign. In particular, they emphasized the need for IEC to ensure that all candidates had fair and equal access to the State media in the lead-up to the election campaign and during the campaign itself. They also appealed to the sense of patriotism and spirit of fair play of the

candidates and their supporters to ensure that the election results were accepted by all.

12. Examining issues related to the reunification of Côte d'Ivoire, the members of the Framework welcomed the fact that the cantonment exercise, begun on 15 June 2010, of the 5,000 Forces armées des Forces nouvelles (FAFN) elements who volunteered for the new army (VAN), in four special instruction units based in Korhogo, Séguéla, Bouaké and Man, was going smoothly. They also welcomed the big strides made in the restoration of the single State exchequer in the Centre-North-West zone with the effective establishment of joint customs brigades, including in Pogo, Ouangolodougou, Feressédougou, Korhogo, Bouaké and Man. They urged the signatories to implement the measures set out in the fourth Supplementary Agreement to the Ouagadougou Political Agreement in order to further consolidate the reunification of Côte d'Ivoire.

13. The members of the Framework commended the efforts of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and external partners which had made it possible to mobilize the financial resources needed for the implementation of the various activities, particularly the electoral process. They encouraged them to remain engaged and to make the final effort needed to finance the remaining activities of the process.

14. At the end of the meeting, the members of the Framework paid tribute to His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, Facilitator of the Direct Inter-Ivorian Dialogue, for his ongoing, effective and crucial efforts, pursuant to his mandate, to find a successful resolution to the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, through the organization of fair, free and transparent elections.

15. The Permanent Consultative Framework decided to hold its next meeting after the presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire, to take stock of the crisis recovery process.

Done in Ouagadougou, 21 September 2010

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(Signed) Guillaume Kigbafori **Soro**
Prime Minister

(Signed) Henri Konan **Bédié**
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